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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 24 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-24-22

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 24 opens commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point sections of the Central District from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2022, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, and from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2022.

As a reminder no Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishing periods will be opened unless the Kenai River late run king salmon abundance improves.

As of July 20, Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement is approximately 568,703 fish and 61% complete, projecting a final escapement of 926,000. The biological escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon of 140,000 to 320,000 has been exceeded. In the Kenai River, sockeye salmon escapement is approximately 519,247 fish and 30% complete, projecting an in river run of 1.7 to 2.4 million sockeye salmon based on average to 3 day late run timings.

Fish harvested in these drift gillnet fishing periods should be reported in statistical areas 244-57.